FROM THE FIELD.

Nickerson, Kansas.

Through the labors of Bro. W. J. H. Bauman there were several accessions to the Brethren church here. Bro. Beer had built up a small membership and, with the addition Bro. Bauman made last winter, we now have a little band of hard workers for the Master. We have preaching the first and third Sundays of each month and Sabbath School every Sabbath.

Bro. Beer preaches the first Sabbath and Bro. A. P. Gibson the third. We contemplate holding a series of meetings this winter. The church has decided to try to secure the services of an evangelist from the east. But if we don't succeed, we will use such material as we have at home which is by no means lacking in talent or the love of God and their fellow man.

Bro. Beer is now conducting a series of meetings about twenty-five miles south of Nickerson. May God crown his effort with success. May God help the brethren every where to tear down the strong holds of satan that God's light may shine upon many lost and perishing souls.

J. J. GILLMORE.

Jones Mills, Pa.

About the last of October I commenced a protracted meeting at the Highland meeting house, Washington County, Pa. Bro. S. W. Wilt, of Clifton Mills, West Virginia, came to assist in the work on the evening of the 2nd of Nov. We continued our meeting up to the evening of the 18th, and during this time Bro. Wilt did the preaching, and did it well. But our meetings were very much hindred on account of rain. All passed off pleasantly however. One was baptized and we hope others will be soon.

On the morning of the 20th, wife, little daughter and I started for home. Stopped with the brethren and sisters of the Mount Zion church two evenings, thence home on the evening of the 22nd. Being away about eight weeks, praise the Lord for his goodness.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Vine, Ohio.

We send greeting to all the brethren and sisters in Christ and can inform you that we have rented a house and have lamps to light it up. We have held a few meetings already with fair attendance. On Thursday the 29, being Thanksgiving day we had meeting. The neighbors and friends have set to come together next Friday being the 30, to clean and white wash. Our regular meetings are as follows The first and third Sunday of each month, and Saturday nights before.

One of our neighbors by the name of Rush, donated three hundred and fifty feet of nice lumber to finish seating the house and make the stand. We would like to have some able minister to come out this winter and hold a series of meetings. We think there could be some good done.

M. D. ROBERTS.

From Bear Creek.

Joy and sorrow intermingled on Saturday the 10th inst. We held business meeting at Bear Creek. Found the business of such a nature that it was necessary to adjourn to Saturday the 24th. At the close of the meeting Miss Mollie Shock was received into the church by baptism.

Convened pursuant to adjournment on the 24th, and finished the business to the satisfaction of all, and again at the close Miss Ida Shank was received into the church by baptism. These were reasons of joy.

On Sunday following when we met for preaching we learned that our esteemed young sister, Clara Musselman, was very sick, and almost beyond any hope of recovery. This was a source of sadness. When we met for services in the evening the unwelcome news came that sister Clara had crossed the river at 11 A. M. This was indeed a cause for deep sorrow and when we announced the fact at the close of the meeting many tears were shed. Bro. A. Beeghly offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to report appropriate resolutions for publication in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST and the committee was appointed, consisting of A. Beeghly, M. C. Kimmel and J. H. Bilman. M. C. Kimmel offered a resolution that a committee be appointed on floral design, and the following were appointed as said committee: M. Lizzie Beeghly, Lizzie Hill and Ida Coler.

On motion of A. Beeghly a collection was lifted for the purpose of purchasing the same. Following is the report of the committee on resolutions:

P. J. BROWN.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his all-wise Providence, to take from our midst one of our members who was near and dear to us, and

WHEREAS, In the death of Sister Clara Musselman we are reminded that in the midst of life we are in death, therefore be it

Resolved, That by the death of Sister Clara Musselman Bear Creek church looses one of its most faithful and honored members, her family a devoted and affectionate daughter and sister, and her friends one whose many attractions won the love and admiration of all.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased sister our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, hoping that in the morning of the resurrection, when the dead shall be raised, clothed with immortality and eternal life, to meet our sister in the supreme church on high, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased sister.

A. BEEGHLY.
M. C. KIMMEL. } Com.
J. H. BILMAN.

THE FUNERAL.

At 9 A. M. on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1888, a very large concourse of friends met at the late home of our sister Clara Musselman, at Sharpsburg, about ten miles west of Dayton, to pay their last tribute of respect to her memory and follow her remains to her last earthly resting place.

When the funeral cortege arrived at the Reformed church at Johnsville, distant about one mile and a half, they found the house crowded, with a very small space retained for the accommodation of the nearest relatives.

The overflowing congregation in the capacious church; the subdued sobbing of hearts swelling with sympathy to be plainly heard from all parts of the house through the services; the very beautiful and elaborate floral designs of the "Gates ajar," the harp, wreaths, etc.; the glistening eyes of the people as they passed along and looked their farewell of the departed one through blinding tears; and the heart-rendering sobs and bitter cries of grief of the broken-hearted friends, told of the loving place she held in their hearts.

Bro. P. J. Brown preached a very appropriate sermon from "Thou hast the dew of thy youth," Psalm 110: 3. On account of the deep grief and general sympathy, and the unusual fact of the death of one who was in the full bloom of life, made the services very solemn and impressive.

A ride of six miles brought us to the country, where everything that loving hearts could devise and money could purchase was done to show how the darling daughter was prized by the mourning parents.

Amidst the solemn strains of the "Sweet by and by," and bitter tears, the remains of the loved one was tenderly laid to rest in her last earthly home.

Sister Clara united with the Brethren church at Bear Creek about three years ago, under Bro. Brown's preaching, and having also been baptized by him, it was natural that he, too, should officiate at her burial.

It is impossible for us to give our departed sister all the praise due her; but we know that it matters but little whether we give her proper credit or not, she has passed into the hands of a loving, all-wise and infinitely just God who will gloriously welcome her into the arms of eternal love, and clothe her with the garments of infinite joy and happiness.

Since her connection and union with the church she has been a faithful worker in the Sunday School and a successful solicitor for the missionary cause.

She was the only daughter left at home, and the parents in their infirmity and old age, solely relied upon her for their daily comfort, and leaned upon her in their declining days. Thus the loss was deeply felt. When the staff upon which old age leans is taken away, only those who have passed through the experience knows the pain and anguish the separation brings.

The sun of every life must set. We naturally expect in the evening of life that the lamp of our existence will flicker and die. When the evening of life is reached we usually expect sunset. What scene more lovely than that of the sun setting amidst the full glory of a ripened and joyous faith! How the setting sun points the whole earth with the bright colors of departing glory! But when the sun sets in the full noontide, amid the splendors and beauties of matured youth or budding womanhood, then we feel how unnatural it is! If the orb of life is obscured by the sad and horrible mantle of accident or wreck, or the sun is darkened by the black clouds of pestilence, we consider it but natural. But there we have an instance of the sun calmly and quietly setting in the midst of noontide glory, and we feel how unusual, nay we may say how unnatural it is!

The sun has set, but we have the consolation that it will rise again. On the morning of eternity the same sun will rise again in a greater and grander glory. Then, oh joy! it is an eternal day! A day that will know no ending! May God prepare us for the joy and happiness of that eternal day!

EDWARD MASON.

College of St. James, Md.

On Nov. the 20th, I united in holy matrimony near Williamson at the bride's resident, Mr. John D. Hade and sister Mary B. Sollenberger, both of Franklin county, Pa. Hope they may have a long, happy and prosperous life.

On the evening after the wedding attended a prayer meeting at the Williamson school house. At least they announced it for a prayer meeting, but after arriving some wanted to hear me preach a little again. After a persuasion I told them I would preach twenty-five or thirty minutes and then I wanted to hear from them. After a short sermon I told them that as I had the pleasure of preaching for them when I was present before and now again, I was tired of hearing my own voice, I wanted to know how they have been enjoying themselves. I told them to be free to talk for Jesus. There were forty odd of the fifty that I had the pleasure of receiving into the church were present. About forty arose and testified for Jesus. One after another arose and told us with tears of joy in their eyes how they enjoyed that heavenly path, and asked the prayers of all God's children and talked to sinners until my heart burned and I felt it was good for me to be present. One little girl 12 years old that Bro. Phiel baptized since I closed my meeting, arose and talked for Christ. I think I never enjoyed myself any where better than at this prayer meeting. If that church keeps up their present zeal they are bound to meet with abundant success.

Bro. Phiel baptized two since the organization, there are more to follow. I think Bro. Phiel is a good shepherd. Though his jealous enemies lied about him, slandered him and tried to injure him in every way imaginable and yet today he has more friends than his opposers have. Truth will prevail.

I. D. BOWMAN.

Chronicles.

It has been some time since I chronicled news through the EVANGELIST. Principally, on account of ill health. I had a spell of sickness in October that very much afflicted my throat, so that I was not able to talk much for a long time. According to previous arrangements I, however, began a protracted effort at Oakville, the 3rd, of the present month, but soon found that I would not be able to carry it through; but I received a message from brother Perry, (to whom I wrote) that he would come to my relief. This was good news to me indeed. Bro. Perry came and took the work a week; he preached splendid sermons, and all who could get out to hear him were well pleased. The interest of the meeting was much checked by the protracted rain, it began to rain soon after the meeting and continued to rain nearly every day until the close. We closed on account of rain and bad roads, to resume in the near future.

Brother Garber paid us a visit at Oakville, and also preached for us a few times. I wish the brethren, Perry and Garber, could realize just how much we appreciated their visit and labors. Many thanks to you brethren.

During the meeting at Oakville we held a lovely communion, and also an election for a deacon. The choice called brother Laferry Hale into the service. Brother Hale is advanced in years, and on said account was reluctant to accept the position, but with his many years experience in public business, as magistrate, and also as exhorter, or minister in the Methodist church in former years, and his intimate knowledge of the Scriptures, and his ability to expound them, he will be able to do the church much good yet.

I went home from Oakville and rested and doctored myself a few days, then came over here to College corner to hold the regular services over the fourth Sunday. Will make some Pastoral calls and hold prayer meeting this evening, then return to Oakville to resume the protracted effort. My health is improving, and I hope to be ready for the battle field again soon.

I spoke on the missionary project for the State of Indiana last Sunday, and presented the resolutions passed at the State Conference, relative to missionary work in the State, to the church at College Corner for consideration, it was adopted, and the following members were appointed solicitors. Frank Kurtz. Elmer Stuart. Anna Harvey.

J. H. S.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. S. P. Stevens now writes from Beatrice, Nebraska.

A band of strong and valiant workers are enlisting in the College cause.

Bro. Josiah Keim spent a portion of last week in the Fair Haven church.

Bro. A. A. Cober preached the Union Thanksgiving sermon in Milford, Ind.

Several orders for the "Story of Jesus" are on hands; they will be filled soon.

Eld. Bashor will have a few things to say about the Passover controversy next week.

Bro. David Weirick pays for the paper and adds, "The EVANGELIST is a welcome visitor."

"Roll Away the Stone" is a beautiful little exortation. Read it and roll away the stone.

Sister H. Helen Frame, of the church near Sweet Home, Ind., is one of the best workers for the College in the church.

Bro. John Kurtz and family, of Williamsport, Dakota, have moved to Cleveland, O., where they will remain during the winter at least.

Send in your order for the Annual. You will want it for the Calendar, items of interest relating to the church and the Ministerial List.

Bro. C. E. Deffenbaugh returned from Pennsylvania and was on hand as usual last Monday. Charlie is one of the most faithful College stand-bys.

Bro. W. W. Summers writes: I am holding meeting in the city of Elkhart, Ind., with good interest, but physically I am exhausted. May the Lord send strength to continue the meeting.

Bro. Bashor's address from Dec. 12th to the 25th will be Ocoya, Livingston county, Ill. After that he will visit the church at Mulberry, Ind., where he can be addressed in care of J. B. Metzgar.

Our communion of the 17th inst., was an enjoyable affair and all who partook seemed much benefited. Though the weather was inclement the house was filled to its fullest capacity.—J. L. Kimmel.

Our protracted meeting will commence on the 8th of Dec., at the Little Chapel, six miles south of Falls City, Brown county, Kan. The meeting will continue some two or three weeks. —J. Nicholson, Morrill, Kan.

There will be communion services held at the Maitland meeting house on the evening of Dec. 23rd. Meetings to commence on the 11th of Dec. A general invitation is extended to all of like precious faith, and a special invitation to those who are somewhat isolated from us, having no organization nearer than Maitland. Elder J. B. Wampler will conduct the meetings if no providential hinderance.—Josiah Brindle, Painterville, Pa.

At last reports the day after Thanksgiving Bro. Bashor was engaged in a very promising meeting at Milledgeville, Ill. Six confessions were made the evening before. One of whom was the leading physician of the town, who came from Medical school a few years ago a confirmed materialist Bro. Bashor's sermons on skepticism awakened much interest and are said to have been the means of convincing more than one infidel in the community besides doing much to strengthen the faith of the Christian.